under different schemes is and as statement *(See below)*

(b) Central Assistance is provided to the State Government and the Non-Governmental Organisations and therefore the assistance is not provided district-wise;

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

s. No.	Name of the Scheme	Funds released to the State Govt, of Assam (Rs. in lakhs)		
		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.	Research & Training	17.77	13.01	23.27
2.	SCA to TSP	1545.19	1524.71	1460.00
3.	First Proviso to Article 275(1)	315.00	315.00	305.00
4.	Second Proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution	13.33	13.33	13.33
5.	Boys Hostel for STs	—	16.00	16.00
6.	Girls Hostel for STs	3.03	19.00	16.00
7.	Grants-in-aid Scheme for N.G.O. for tribals	15.10	9.09	75.38
8.	Vacational Training Centre	64.895	23.785	40.00

Refusal of SC/ST/OBC Certitifcate to Tamil Nadu

4377. SHRI R SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that people who have settled in other States for generations are refused SC/ST and OBC certificates since their castes are not included in the lists of the States to which they have migrated;

(b) whether Government ^re aware that thousands of Tamils living in Mumbai and New Delhi are refused SC/ST/OBC certificates for these very reasons; and

(c) will Gevernment bring a Constitution Amendment to protect the interests of such migrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIΛL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c): Under the existing instructions, inter-State SC/ST/OBC migrants are entitled to obtain social status certificates irrespective of whether the caste/tribe/class in question is scheduled or not in relating to the migrated State/UT. Therefore constitutional amendment is not needed in this matter.

Filling up ol[Posts in the Punjab Wakf Board

4378. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased . to state:

(a) whether in Punjab Wakf Board the posts of Regional Officers/Ex. Officer/Sr. Regional Officer were created and filled up in surreptitious and non-transparent manner, in contravention of the wakf Act, 1995;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the action taken/being taken to undo the wrongs done and to fix the responsibility and with what results, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Under section 99(2)(b) of the Wakf Act, 1995 all the powers of a Board Vest in an Administrator during the Board's supersession. Since the Punjab Wakf Board is under supersession, all the adnjinistrative and financial powers vest in the Administrator of the Board. According to the information furnished by the Punjab Wakf Board, the Administrator created nine (9) posts of Regional Officers out of which six (6) posts were filled up by the Board vide their orders

dated 31st July, 1997. The Administrator also redesignated an existing post of Chief Estate Officer as that of Executive Officer and appointed *one.* Regional. Officer as the Executive Officer at the Board's Head Office at Ambala Cantt. While the Administrator was within his powers to create the posts of Regional Officers, he ened in redesignating the existing post of Chief Estate Officer as Executive Officer while entrusting the incumbent with the duties of Acting Secretary of the Board because under section 38 of ttie Wakf Act, 1995, a Board can appoint an Executive Officer for a Wakf have a gross annual income of hot fess than Rupees Five lakh. Whereas in this ease the Executive Officer was to look after all the Wakfs under the jurisdiction of the Punjab Wakf Board. The Administrator also appointed Senior Regional Officer in contravention of Government directives. The Government has appointed a new Administrator on 5th June, 1998 replacing the former Administrator who had erred in redesignating the post of Chief Estate Officer as the executive Officer and had defied the directions of the Government regarding appointments. The Government had earlidr ordered replacement of the Executive Officer by the senior most officer of the Board who is to function as Acting Secretary till the appointment of a Chief Executive officer under section 23 of the Wakf Act, 1995. The Government has further directed the new Administrator to stay execution of all the orders of transfers/postings/promcrtions etc. passed by the former Administrator during the last one month of his tenure subject to a review by the new Administrator This direction has been complied with by the new Administrator.

Dismissed employees of PWB

4379. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of employees of Punjab Wakf Board who have been dismissed, suspended of otherwise penalised on charges of curruption and malpractices;

(b) the names of those employees against who inquiries/action is in progress/ contemplated for curruption and malpractices; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to weed out corrupt employees arid to end corruption in Punjab Wakf Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Twelve employees of the Board have been dismissed from service while 6 others have been suspended. Their names are as follows:

(i) *Employees dismissed:*— Sarva Shri Mohd. SJddque, Mohd. Sabir, Sain Dass, Mohd. Yameen Ansari, Mohd. Baksh, Karim Baksh, Niamatullah Siddiqui, Akbar Khan, Hassan Mohd., Liaqat Ali, Subba Din and M.A. Warsi.

(ii) *Employees suspended:* Sarva Shri Danishwaf Ali, Zahoor Ahmed, Mohd. Nazir, Mohd. Ramzan, Aas Mohd-I, and Sobat Khan.

(b) Names of twenty six (26) employees against whom inquiries action is in progress/ contemplated for corruption and malpractices ate as follows:—

Sarva Shri Abdul Jabbar-I, Abdul Waheed, Shamsuddin, Sher Mohd., Mohd. Israil, Ghulam Rasool, Khurshid Ahmed, Abhul Hafiz, Qamruddin, M.M. Shamsi, Mohd. Sharif, Jamil Ahmad, Nazir Hussain, Ali Mohd., Vilayat Mohd^Taj Mohd. Rana, Mohd. Shafique, Mohar Khan, Mohd. Hanif, Kamaluddin, Deen Mohd., Mohd. Shoeb, Mohd. Wakil, Mehmood Ali, Tajudin, and Tayyab Hussain.

(c) In order to weed out corrupt employees and corruption in Punjab Wakf Board, the Board has initiated certain measures which include internal controls/checks, auditing and. surprise checking by the Vigilance Officer of the Board. All complaints received against the employees of (he Board are inquired into by the Inquiry Officer of the Board and full-fledged section namely "Displinary Action Cell" has also been established in the Board to initiate action against comipt employees. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under whose administrative control the Board is functioning also takes suitable action on the complaints received by it against the corrupt employees of the Board.